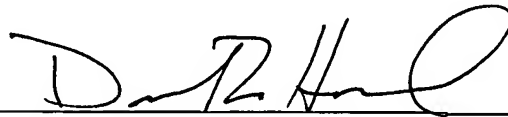


**REMARKS**

Claims 16-31 and 35-39 are cancelled without prejudice in this Second Preliminary Amendment. Claims 1-15, 32-34, and 40-46 are now pending in the application. It is requested that the amendment above be entered and that the application be examined on the merits.

Should any questions arise, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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